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FOR: IBOPAMINE MALEATE, METHOD :
FOR PREPARING IT AND
PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS
CONTAINING IT

LETTER

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

Applicants acknowledge that references AQ (EP 0205606) and AR (EP 0442958) cited on the Information Disclosure Statement submitted October 18, 2006 have not been considered on the ground that a legible copy of these references has not been provided. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith a copy of references AQ and AR.

As shown in the enclosed internet publications and as previously indicated on the PTO 1449 Form submitted on October 18, 2006, references AQ and AR are equivalents of references AP (WO 8603970) and AO (WO 9004964), respectively. By virtue of having considered references AP and AO, the Examiner has therefore necessarily already considered the AQ and AR equivalents thereof.

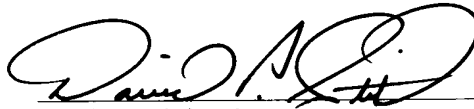
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of these references by providing Applicants with an initialed copy of the enclosed PTO 1449 Form submitted on October 18, 2006 at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Although it is believed that no additional fees are required, the USPTO is authorized to charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith to deposit account number 15-0030.

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application remains in condition for allowance as the claimed invention is neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited references.

Respectfully submitted,

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